

**YEAR A, PROPER 29, SUNDAY,  
CHRIST THE KING: MASS**

*The First Lesson. The Reader begins*

**A Reading from the Book of Ezekiel**

For thus says the Lord GOD: “Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when some of his sheep have been scattered abroad, so will I seek out my sheep; and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. And I will bring them out from the peoples, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the fountains, and in all the inhabited places of the country. I will feed them with good pasture, and upon the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on fat pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the crippled, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will watch over; I will feed them in justice. As for you, my

flock, thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, rams and he-goats.”

*The Reader concludes*    The Word of the Lord.

## **Psalm 95:1–7**

*The Reader says*

Please join me in reading Psalm 95, verses 1 through 7, found in the red Prayer Book beginning on page 724.

*(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)*

- 1    Come, let us sing to the LORD; \*  
      let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
- 2    Let us come before his presence with  
      thanksgiving\*  
      and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
- 3    For the LORD is a great God, \*  
      and a great King above all gods.
- 4    In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
      and the heights of the hills are his also.
- 5    The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
      and his hands have molded the dry land.

- 6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the LORD our Maker.
- 7 For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep  
of his hand. \*  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

*The Second Lesson. The Reader begins*

**A Reading from the**

**First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians**

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. “For God has put all things in subjection under his feet.” But when it says, “All things are put in subjection under him,” it is plain that he is excepted

who put all things under him. When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things under him, that God may be everything to every one.

*The Reader concludes*    The Word of the Lord.

### **The Gospel Acclamation**

*The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.*

*Reader*           Alleluia.

*People*           Alleluia.

*Reader*           Blessed is the kingdom of our father  
   David that is coming; \*  
   blessed is he who comes in the name of  
   the Lord.

*People*           Alleluia.

*The Reader returns to his or her seat.*

## The Holy Gospel

*The Minister says*

The Lord be with you.

*People*

And also with you.

*Minister*

✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord  
Jesus Christ according to  
Matthew.

*People*

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “When the Son of man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will place the sheep at his right hand, but the goats at the left. Then the King will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see thee hungry and feed thee, or thirsty and give thee drink? And when did we see thee a stranger and welcome thee, or naked and clothe thee? And when did we see thee sick or in prison and visit thee?’ And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I

say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.’ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see thee hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to thee?’ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me.’ And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

*The Minister says*            The Gospel of the Lord.